IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SUNAGAWA, Takenobu et al.

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For:

PROCESSING AID FOR THERMOPLASTIC RESIN AND THERMOPLASTIC

RESIN COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page four of this paper.